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In re the Application of: **Takehiko KIKUCHI et al.**

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For: **THERMOMECHANICAL TREATMENT METHOD FOR
Fe-Mn-Si-BASED SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY WITH Nb, C ADDITION**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.